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Dear Boris

RE: 13 Appliances

As you will be aware a recent Appointments and Urgency Committee meeting received and adopted the budget option recommended by the Commissioner in accordance with your direction.

Given the recent underspend identified, we have an opportunity to use this funding to reduce the scale of the cuts you are proposing. I am, therefore, writing to request a meeting with you from a delegation of Authority members to discuss whether there still might be scope to reach a compromise between the two options.

As you will be aware, it was the clear view of the Authority to adopt Budget Option A, an option which was also favoured by those members of the public who took part in the public consultation.

You may also be aware that:

- the current year's budget position is indicating an underspend in excess of £9 million;
- that next year's financial position is stronger than originally expected;
- the ongoing work taking place to draw up the sixth London Safety Plan;

I would therefore request an urgent meeting between you with Party Group leads and the Chair of the Resources Committee in advance of the full authority meeting on 17 March 2016 to discuss the possibility of reaching a compromise between the two budget options with the intention of retaining all or some of the 13 fire appliances.

Yours sincerely

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